

SENATE WATCH

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FINAL PASSAGE

HB 4117 (Proos)

HB 4117 would permit local governmental units to provide differential pay for their employees who enter into active military service. Michigan has approximately 2,200 members of the National Guard and 425 members of the reserve forces serving on active duty in response to the war on terrorism. These individuals and their families sacrifice a great deal to defend the nation. When called into active duty, they often lose civilian pay, although they do receive pay for their military service. However, the military pay often does not make up for the lost civilian pay, and families suffer drops in income and purchasing power while their expenses remain constant or even increase.

• HB 4117 passed with IE [RC 71: 38 yes, 0 no].

RESOLUTIONS

HCR 4 (LaJoy)

A resolution to memorialize Congress to enact highway reauthorization legislation with a level of funding that closes the gap between federal fuel tax dollars paid by Michigan motorists and dollars received to address Michigan's transportation needs.

• HCR 4 was adopted [no RC].